

U.S. urged on technology for Soviets

WASHINGTON (A.P.) — Business representatives, backed by Republican senators, urged the administration of President Ronald Reagan on Wednesday to permit use of U.S. technology to build a pipeline from Soviet natural gas fields to Western Europe. E.C. Chapman, executive vice president of Caterpillar Tractor Co. told a senate foreign relations subcommittee that previous sanctions had damaged his company without hurting the Soviets. The Carter administration placed export controls on oil and natural gas equipment, including pipelayers, in 1978 in response to alleged Soviet human rights violations. Before that time, said Mr. Chapman, Caterpillar enjoyed 85 per cent of the Soviet market for large track-type tractors and pipelayers.

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Hassan meets with Jordanian students

KARACHI (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, now on a visit to Pakistan, met here Wednesday with Jordanian students studying at Pakistani universities. He enquired about their conditions and urged them to double efforts in pursuing their education so that they can serve their country better and contribute to its progress and prosperity. Prince Hassan met Tuesday with Pakistani President Zia ul-Haq and reviewed with him Pakistan-Jordanian ties and Middle East developments. The meeting with the president was attended by Chief Islamic Justice Ibrahim Al Qattan and Jordan's ambassador to Pakistan. President Zia also held a dinner banquet in Karachi in honour of Prince Hassan.

Greek president arrives in Bombay

BOMBAY, India (A.P.) — President Constantine Karamanlis of Greece arrived in Bombay Wednesday night on a five-day state visit to India. Mr. Karamanlis is scheduled to fly Thursday morning to New Delhi where he will hold talks with Indian President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Mrs. Gandhi will host a lunch in honour of the Greek president on Friday. Mr. Karamanlis is also scheduled to tour the southern Indian port city of Madras and some ancient Hindu temples at Mamallapuram before leaving next Monday on a nine-day state visit to Australia.

Group says 4,000 Iranians executed

GENEVA (R) — A civil rights group told the U.N. Human Rights Commission Wednesday an estimated 4,000 political prisoners were executed in Iran in the past eight months. The New York-based group, called Clergy and Laity Concerned, which has some 200 Iranian and other members, gave the commission a list of 2,596 Iranians alleged to have been executed between June and December last year, with time and place of execution. It submitted a 175-page report which estimated 1,500 more prisoners died in the past eight months. The report gave eyewitness details of prison conditions and torture in Iranian jails, which it said were collected from former prisoners.

Klibi to go to Belgium March 8

BRUSSELS, Belgium (A.P.) — Arab League Secretary General Chadi Klibi will visit Belgium from March 8 to 11 to discuss with Belgian and European Economic Community (EEC) officials ways of reviving the long-stalled "Euro-Arab Dialogue," a government spokesman said Wednesday. Mr. Klibi will meet with Premier Wilfried Martens and Foreign Affairs Minister Geo Tindemans, the spokesman added. Belgium currently holds the rotating presidency of the 10-nation EEC. Efforts by the EEC and the Arab League to establish a dialogue on joint agricultural and economic ventures began in the mid-1970s.

Turkish team in Jeddah

BAHRAIN (R) — Turkish Prime Minister Bulend Uluos arrived in Jeddah Wednesday for a meeting of an Islamic committee seeking an end to the Iran-Iraq war, the Saudi Press Agency reported. The nine-man group, which was set up last year, will meet at Organisation of Islamic Conference headquarters on Friday in a fresh attempt to mediate in the conflict, now in its 18th month.

Panel prepares for Children's Day fete

AMMAN (Petra) — Preparations for Children's Day celebrations on April 21 were discussed by an ad hoc committee at the Princess Alia Community College on Wednesday. Meeting under the chairmanship of Mrs. Laila Sharaf, the committee formed technical, literary and musical subcommittees to follow up the preparations. It also set a programme for the three-day celebrations, which entail exhibiting 250 pictures and drawings by children in kindergartens and in the elementary stage. Also on display will be a model kindergarten school.

Saddam welcomes Jordanian volunteers to 'battle of honour'

BAGHDAD (Petra) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Wednesday visited the contingent of the Jordanian all-volunteer Yarmouk Force which arrived here earlier in the day to fight alongside Iraqi forces against Iran in the Gulf war. Addressing the volunteers, who are the first group to arrive, the president paid tribute to His Majesty King Hussein and to the government and people of Jordan, voicing his appreciation for their total support of Iraq and the Arab Nation's cause. "You have come here to fight in defence of Arab rights, and this will not be the first time Jordanians and Iraqis are going to fight side by side in defence of Arab territory and Arab rights," President Saddam said. "Your

participation marks another phase of a long and honourable history and brotherly ties binding Jordan and Iraq," he added. The president described Jordanians' participation in the "battle of honour" as a genuine Arab initiative "coming in response to King Hussein's brave decision to form the Yarmouk Force, which the Iraqi people will always remember. Jordan and Iraq, the president said, stand in one line and one trench to confront all challenges and the enemies of the Arab Nation. He told the Jordanian volunteers, "your presence here has a national dimension since every Arab citizen has a national duty to fight in defence of Arab land and rights."

Sharif Zaid is back after talks in Qatar

AMMAN (Petra) — Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker returned to Amman Wednesday evening at the end of a three-day official visit to Qatar. During the visit, Sharif Zaid was received by Qatari Emir Sheikh

Khalifa Ibn Hamad Al Thani and his heir apparent Sheikh Hamad Ibn Khalifa Al Thani who is also commander of Qatar's armed forces, as well as other senior officials. Talks dealt with cooperation between Qatar and Jordan especially in military fields.

Fresh clashes in Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — Clashes broke out between rival armed groups in an area of West Beirut Wednesday, security sources said. The sources had no information about any casualties and could not identify the groups involved. They said the fighting was close to the so-called Green Line dividing West Beirut from the Christian-held eastern sector of the capital. A car bomb which injured 20 people on Tuesday in the port of Tripoli, 70 kilometres north of Beirut, also put all telephones in

the town out of action, a government official said. The Lebanese government news agency quoted Hassan Izeddin, the local director of telecommunications, as saying it was impossible to estimate how long repairs would take. The bomb exploded outside the main telephone exchange, close to a position manned by Syrian peacekeeping troops. Security sources said five Syrian soldiers were among the wounded.

U.S. to sell Saudis F-5s

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Defence Department has told Congress it intends to sell Saudi Arabia 15 Northrop F-5 reconnaissance and fighter aircraft worth about \$350 million. The sale, which would include spare parts, is part of a long-term U.S. effort to modernise the Saudi armed forces.

Records show Saudi Arabia spent \$18.7 billion on U.S. arms between 1970 and 1980. Last year Congress approved a controversial sale of five airborne warning and reconnaissance planes (AWACS) to Saudi Arabia for \$8.5 billion amid intensive lobbying against the move by opponents who said it would threaten Israel.

Ten of the F-5s, built by Northrop Corporation, of Hawthorne, California, would be tactical reconnaissance planes, while the other five would be fighters, the Pentagon said. The sale would upgrade the Saudis' air reconnaissance capability and modernise their existing fleet of about 65 F-5s, demonstrating the U.S. effort to help Saudi Arabia improve its security in the Middle East, a department spokesman said.

Under U.S. law, Congress must be notified of all major arms sales.

Malaysian premier in Oman

MUSCAT (R) — Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad arrived in Oman Wednesday for a three-day on the third leg of a Gulf tour, Muscat Radio said. He flew in from Abu Dhabi, where he and United Arab Emirates leaders appealed to the superpowers to be sincere in their efforts to find a comprehensive solution to the Middle East problem.

Dr. Mahathir, who has also visited Bahrain, will end the tour in Saudi Arabia.

Court trying Sadat's assassins to announce verdict Saturday

CAIRO (R) — The supreme military court trying the alleged assassins of the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat will announce its verdict on Saturday in open session, the court said Wednesday. The military prosecutor has asked for the death sentence for the four alleged killers and 20 others accused of involvement in last October's assassination.

The court said it finished hearing pleas for the defence this morning. The trial started on Nov. 21. The trial has been marked by a series of clashes between the court and members of the defence team. The latest of these clashes brought lawyer Abdul Halim Ramadan, who is defending the chief accused, Lt. Khalid Al Islambouli, before a lower military tribunal Wednesday on charges of contempt of court.

The trial was interrupted in late December when defence lawyers walked out in protest against the refusal of the court to allow them to call certain witnesses, including a Muslim theologian. The lawyers resumed their pleas after Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak turned down their request to meet him, saying the dispute was a purely legal matter in which he could not intervene. A central military court postponed the trial of Mr. Ramadan for 24 hours pending further study of his case. He told reporters on Tuesday night that he was detained on Monday for 12 hours for interrogation by the military prosecutor. He also said that the defence had filed a plea at Egypt's supreme constitutional court questioning the legality of the Sadat assassination trial.



U.S. special envoy Philip Habib (left) talks to Secretary-General of the Foreign Ministry Amer Shammout upon the envoy's arrival at Amman Airport Wednesday (Petra photo)

Habib's Amman talks to centre on Lebanon

AMMAN (J.T.) — U.S. special Middle East envoy Philip Habib arrived here Wednesday for a two-day visit to Jordan. He will meet with a number of senior government officials for talks on bolstering Jordanian-American relations and Middle East problems, the Jordan News Agency, Petra said. An American embassy official said Mr. Habib's talks with Jordanian officials would cover "the Middle East crisis, with particular emphasis on the situation in Lebanon."

Mr. Habib's "standard visit" here was instructed by President Reagan, the official said. Earlier in the day Lebanese Ambassador Marcel Namour went to the Foreign Ministry, to "coordinate Jordanian and Lebanese positions" on Mr. Habib's visit, a Foreign Ministry official said. The envoy was met upon arrival at Amman airport by several senior Foreign Ministry officials and the U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Richard Viets.

Before flying to Amman from Damascus on Wednesday, Mr. Habib delivered a message from U.S. President Ronald Reagan to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, who handed him a reply. The Syrian government news agency SANA said Mr. Habib called at the presidential palace to deliver Mr. Reagan's message to the Syrian leader. Talks between Mr. Habib and President Assad lasting about two hours centred on the contents of Mr. Reagan's message, SANA said, but the agency gave no clue to what was in it. The fact that Mr. Assad received Mr. Habib, who arrived on Tuesday on the third leg of his latest Middle East tour, was seen by diplomats as a sign that Damascus was keen to keep lines open to Washington despite the poor state of U.S.-Syrian relations.

Mr. Habib has already visited Lebanon and Israel. American officials say the general aims of his tour are to promote reconciliation in strife-torn Lebanon and improve U.S. ties with other Middle Eastern nations. Mr. Habib conferred on Tuesday night with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Khaddam, but no details were released of their talks. The English-language Syria Times said on Wednesday that, according to Israel, the purpose of the tour was to dismantle Syrian missiles in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley and settle the Lebanese crisis by withdrawing Syrian peacekeeping troops in Lebanon and curbing Palestinian and leftist forces in Beirut and South Lebanon.

UAE president to confer with Khaled in Riyadh

ABU DHABI, UAE (Agencies) — The president of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) will visit Saudi Arabia Thursday for talks with Saudi King Khaled in Riyadh, it was announced Wednesday.

The announcement said Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayyan will "consult and exchange views on current Arab developments" with the Saudi monarch. The planned visit comes on the heels of talks in Saudi Arabia by UAE Oil Minister Mana Oteiba, the current chairman of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), on current conditions on the international oil market.

It coincides with a visit to the United Arab Emirates by Ahmad Azizi, under-secretary of the Iranian Foreign Ministry, who arrived Tuesday on the first visit by a ranking Iranian official to a Gulf Arab country in recent months. The Islamic conference's goodwill mission on ending the Iran-Iraq war is due to reconvene in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Friday in a fresh bid to end the 17-month-old Gulf war.

Sheikh Zayed and Mr. Azizi discussed bilateral relations and reviewed the current Islamic issues, as well as Iran's views about strengthening Islamic solidarity, the emirates news agency said.

Zayed, Nasser in private talks

ABU DHABI (R) — South Yemen President Ali Nasser Mohammad and United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayyan, held private talks Wednesday, but no details were disclosed.

A large number of Yemenis work in UAE, which has no diplomatic relations with South Yemen. President Mohammad was quoted on Tuesday as saying that his discussions with the UAE leaders would deal with the development of bilateral relations, Gulf security and the strengthening of Arab solidarity against "Zionism and imperialism."

President Mohammad, who arrived from Algeria on Tuesday, is accompanied by his ministers of foreign affairs and labour.

Saudi press dismisses Qadhafi as 'paranoid'

RIYADH (Agencies) — The Saudi press reacted Wednesday to Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi's latest oil-peddled attack against Saudi Arabia by describing him as "paranoid" and "a nitwit." "Qadhafi is squandering Libya's oil wealth on press releases in London and Paris, on filling the bags of assassination professionals with bombs and on buying off media conscience," said the leading newspaper Al Riyadh. The government-guided paper was commenting on Col. Qadhafi's public rally speech Tuesday during which he accused Saudi Arabia, the world's largest crude

exporter, of acting at U.S. behest to deprive Libya and other oil-producing states of "their source of national income, which is oil, by drowning the world market with crude oil at the cheapest price." In his speech in the Libyan capital Tuesday which was reported Wednesday by the official Libyan news agency JANA, Col. Qadhafi also charged that Saudi Arabia was an enemy of Islam and the Arabs because it served only the interests of the United States and Israel. Saudi opposition leaders had come to him from Riyadh, urging him not to have any dealings with

Mitterrand, seeking Mideast dialogue, starts Israel visit

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — President Francois Mitterrand of France, seeking to promote a new dialogue in the Middle East, arrived in Jerusalem Wednesday on the first visit by a European head of state and proclaimed himself a friend of Israel. Mr. Mitterrand told Israeli President Yitzhak Navon in an airport speech that he hoped his journey would bring an irreversible renewal of relations between the two countries, which have been under heavy strain for the past 15 years. Mr. Navon hailed Mr. Mitterrand, who visited Israel several times as leader of the French Socialist Party, as "a true friend, faithful to his principles and to his words."

But in a later ceremony welcoming Mr. Mitterrand to Jerusalem, Mayor Teddy Kolek delivered an implied rebuke over the French president's refusal to visit the Israeli-occupied eastern part of the city. In order to avoid angering Arab states, Mr. Mitterrand has insisted that during his three-day stay in Israel he can only visit or fly over territory that belonged to Israel before the 1967 Middle East war. France does not recognise the annexation of East Jerusalem.

Mr. Mitterrand's decision to travel to Israel and fulfill a pledge made while seeking election against then President Valery Giscard d'Estaing last year has alarmed Arab states who since 1967 have regarded France as an ally. Israeli officials, who are themselves unhappy with recent suggestions from Mr. Mitterrand and his External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson that Israel should negotiate with the PLO, say they are delighted he has come. The English-language Jerusalem Post said Wednesday the visit should be viewed as the first major step towards a new phase in relations between the two countries. Mr. Mitterrand says that by maintaining good and open relations with all sides in the Mideast conflict France will be in a better position to encourage efforts towards a peaceful solution of the area's problems.

In his speech of welcome, Mr. Navon said Israelis were deeply conscious of the historical significance of Mr. Mitterrand's gesture in becoming the first French president to visit Israel. The French leader has made it clear he intends to urge Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, with whom he began talks on Wednesday night, to recognise the right of Palestinian Arabs to build their own homeland and state. In a visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) two weeks ago, Mr. Cheysson, in another statement which brought angry reaction in Israel, said the Palestinian homeland could be located on territories occupied by Israel. But the aides say Mr. Mitterrand will also firmly restate his argument, already voiced openly during recent visits to Saudi Arabia and Algeria, that Arab states and the PLO must recognise Israel's right to exist inside secure borders.

At the same time Mr. Cheysson will be meeting mayors of four Arab towns on the occupied West Bank in an encounter which the Israeli authorities, who control the mayors' movements, have agreed to allow. One of the mayors, Elias Freij of Bethlehem, said in a telephone interview Wednesday he and his colleagues would be urging the French minister to ask the European Economic Community (EEC) to call on Israel and the PLO to recognise each other.

PLO raps French policy

BEIRUT (R) — Voice of Palestine radio accused France Wednesday of bias in favour of Israel and said that President Francois Mitterrand's visit to Israel would reflect negatively on Franco-Arab relations. The radio, which operates for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), said the visit indicated that France's stand on the Middle East constituted backing for Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's extremist leadership, especially after Israel's isolation internationally.

longer had a say in Middle East affairs because the United States and the Soviet Union excluded any outside voices in the area. He said in an interview with the pro-Socialist Le Matin newspaper: "France, no more than Britain, has any say in the Middle East."

Mr. Couve de Murville, who was foreign minister during the 1967 Israeli-Arab war, said French influence in world affairs in general had diminished and this had contributed to its loss of influence in the Middle East. Commenting on President Francois Mitterrand's visit to Israel, he said: "Frankly, the situation in which the Middle East finds itself today and the numerous crises there, not only between Arabs and Israelis, I believe it would be wise not to make too many trips. Neither to one side nor the other."

The pro-Syrian Lebanese newspaper Al Sharq called on the Arabs to reconsider their ties with France in the light of its "new stand on Arab national causes." In Paris, former French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville said on Wednesday France no

Mubarak wants solution to row with Israelis

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is determined to find a quick solution to the row with Israel over visiting Jerusalem next month, a former Israeli official said here Wednesday.

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's former press adviser Dan Pattir told Israel Radio he gained the impression from a 90-minute meeting on Monday in Cairo that Mr. Mubarak was disturbed by the dispute and hoped it could be resolved so the visit could go ahead.

Israel has said Mr. Mubarak's planned trip to Israel would be dropped if the maintained his refusal to visit the occupied city of Jerusalem and Mr. Begin has said he would not go to Egypt until the Egyptian leader came to Jerusalem.

Mr. Pattir said he would deliver a verbal message from the Egyptian leader to Mr. Begin but refused to disclose its contents. President Mubarak had said on Tuesday all problems surrounding

his projected visit to Israel would be solved. "I am going to solve all these problems," Mr. Mubarak told reporters who asked whether Israel's insistence that he should travel to Jerusalem would create difficulties. He did not say how the problems would be resolved. The city, the status of which has been at the heart of the Arab-Israeli dispute for more than 30 years, was visited by the late President Anwar Sadat in 1977. The Camp David peace treaties followed that visit.

The semi-official Cairo newspaper Al-Ahram said on Tuesday that President Mubarak would hoist the Egyptian flag over the north Sinai town of Rafah on April 25, during a ceremony marking the Israeli withdrawal from the peninsula. Mr. Mubarak plans a nationwide speech on April 26 in which he is expected to spell out Egypt's commitment to the Middle East peace process with Israel, it added.

It said that instead of working for Arab interests Col. Qadhafi has backed dissidents in Morocco, fomented feuds between his Syrian allies and Iraq and Jordan, and tried to "infiltrate with destruction and sabotage" through unity proposals with Tunisia. Saudi Arabia had hoped that, by responding to his recent overtures for restoration of diplomatic relations, "some senses would be restored to Qadhafi," the paper said. "But it was no surprise to us that this sick man has again extended his tongue to slandering all honest attitudes adopted by Saudi Arabia."

Al Riyadh said Col. Qadhafi was practically serving as "an agent for Israel," saying he has "filled the walls of the Arab house with graffiti and spoiled Arab reputation by media prostitution and illegitimate allegiances to more than one murderous political trend."

2 Yugoslavs killed in Brussels

BRUSSELS (R) — A man firing a sub-machinegun killed two Yugoslavs and wounded three at the Belgian-Yugoslav cultural centre in Brussels Wednesday, police said. The gunman escaped after the shooting which followed a wave of attacks last year on Yugoslav diplomats and installations. The 1981 violence, in which a diplomat was killed and two were seriously injured, was linked by Yugoslav officials with the activities of ethnic Albanians from the southern Yugoslav province of Kosovo. There was no immediate confirmation that Wednesday's attack also involved nationalists from Kosovo, where nine people were killed and more than 200 injured last spring in nationalist riots.

Americans searching for bases in Caribbean

WASHINGTON (A.P.) — The U.S. Defence Department is exploring the possibility of gaining access for U.S. warplanes at bases in a number of countries in the western Caribbean area, it said Wednesday.

Officials refused to identify the countries where U.S. survey teams have visited to examine existing facilities.

The United States already has its own bases in the Caribbean area including a big naval station at Guantanamo Bay in eastern Cuba and other bases near the Panama Canal. The Reagan administration has moved to strengthen a number of Central American countries such as Honduras and Guatemala, which it considers threatened by Cuban-backed insurgencies. The most immediate area of concern is El Salvador, but it appeared highly unlikely that the United States would attempt to send any of its warplanes or other military forces into that country, beyond the small number of advisers now there.

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Carrington not offended by Haig

NAIROBI, Kenya (A.P.) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington said Wednesday he had "a very nice message" for U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig: "I'm not in the least offended." Lord Carrington was asked at a news conference whether he was angered by the publication last week of what purported to be notes from a Haig staff meeting. According to the Washington Post, the notes had the secretary describing Lord Carrington as "duplicitous bastard" for his handling of a Middle East matter. "My relationship with the secretary of state is extremely good," Lord Carrington replied. "I have a very nice message for him: I'm not in the least offended."

A ripple of laughter spread through the crowd of more than 50 journalists at the news conference. Lord Carrington wound up what he called "a very happy few days in Kenya" with a round of talks with President Daniel arap Moi, the current OAU (Organisation of African Unity) chairman. He also attended the opening of new British Council headquarters in Nairobi and announced that Britain will supply Kenya with 5,000 tons of wheat under the British food aid programme. The wheat will be sold on the Kenyan market and funds raised will be used to finance development projects.

NATIONAL

French get JD 775,000 telcoms consultancy job

AMMAN (J.T.) — The French firm Sostecom will serve as consultant to the Jordanian government in the implementation of a regional coaxial cable project that will ultimately link Jordan with Saudi Arabia and Syria, under a JD 775,000 agreement signed at the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) on Wednesday.

Under the agreement, the French firm will prepare designs, specifications and technical terms required for the project, and later will supervise the linking of Jordan's section with those of the other two Arab states. The planned coaxial and microwave network will have a capacity of 2,700 telephone circuits, in addition to a television relay network.

Sostecom will prepare specifications and assess bids for the project's execution in 15 months.

Implementation of the project is to take another 24 months, according to the agreement which was signed for Jordan by Communications Minister Mohammad Addoub Al Zaben and for Sostecom by a representative of the firm.

Speaking after the signing ceremony, Dr. Zaben said that Wednesday's agreement marks the

third level of cooperation between Jordan and France in communications. This project to link Jordan with Saudi Arabia and Syria is considered a national scheme, he said.

The Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development will finance the Jordanian and Syrian sections of the project.

Day's giving totals JD 26,600

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan News Agency, Petra, Wednesday announced further contributions made by individuals and organizations to the all-volunteer Yarmouk Force. A total of 26 contributions were announced, amounting to JD 26,600.

Meanwhile, Iraqi Minister of Culture and Information Latif Al Jassem described Jordanian-Iraqi relations as exemplary, since they represent the highest ideals, embodying both countries' aspirations and common fate.

In an exclusive interview with Petra, the minister paid tribute to His Majesty King Hussein and Jordan's stand in support of Iraq in its war with Iran.

Canadian minister visits NPC, higher institutions

AMMAN (Petra) — Visiting Ontario Minister of Education Betty Stevenson Wednesday called at the National Planning Council (NPC) and met with its president, Dr. Hanna Odeh. They discussed cooperation between Canada and Jordan in educational, cultural, technical and economic fields. They also explored the possibility of Jordan benefiting from Canada's expertise in vocational training.

Canadian Ambassador to Jordan Theodore Arcand, NPC Secretary General Basel Jardaneh and Ministry of Education Secretary General Dhimni Ra'fat attended the meeting.

Dr. Stevenson also called Wednesday at the University of Jordan and met with its president, Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali. They discussed ways of promoting co-

operation between Canadian and Jordanian universities, and the two sides expressed hope that close cultural and scientific cooperation will materialize in the near future.

Dr. Majali and Dr. Stevenson exchanged gifts on the occasion. Later Dr. Stevenson visited the Jordan University Hospital and met with its director, Dr. Rizq Al Rashdan, and heads of various divisions. Dr. Stevenson and her delegation also called at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS), and talked to RSS Director Albert Butros.

The delegation also called at the Mu'ta University liaison office, and discussed with Mu'ta Vice President Ali Muhafzah cooperation between Canadian higher education institutes and Mu'ta University.

Anani due in Baghdad on Friday for labour ministers' conference

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Labour Jawad Al Anani will leave for Baghdad on Friday to participate in an Arab labour ministers' conference which will start there on March 6. Al Anani's newspaper reported on Wednesday. The participants in the 10-day conference will discuss a report by

the director of the Arab Labour Office, the office's estimated budget, application of Arab labour agreements and the director general's report, which will be submitted to the 68th session of the international Arab labour conference in June, the paper added. It said they will also discuss wage policy, labour organization, the social effects of the migration of Arab manpower, vocational training and its standards and pro-

AUB alumni club elects executives

AMMAN — The general assembly of the American University of Beirut Alumni Club elected on Tuesday a new executive committee.

The committee, elected for a one-year term, includes as officers Mr. Farouk Sa'd Abu-jaber, president; Dr. Samir Hana Jahshan, vice president; Miss Norma Suleiman Qarain, secretary; Miss Taghrid Samih Toukan, deputy secretary; Mr. Nadir George Shalhoub, treasurer, and Mr. Rukni Freih Sweis, deputy treasurer. Dr. Fawaz Ahmad Toukan, Mrs. Aida Jabaji Matalah, Mrs. Fleur Zawaty Majali and Mr. Ghaleb Adnan Al Shalan were chosen as members.

NCC panels meet on drafts

AMMAN (Petra) — The National Consultative Council's legal committee held a meeting here Wednesday under the chairmanship of Mr. Salman Al Qudah. The committee discussed a draft law for military personnel that has been proposed by the government. The draft law is to be presented to the NCC's regular session on Monday.

The committee also resumed discussion of the draft landlord-tenant law, and decided to hold another session on Monday to continue its discussion.

Meanwhile, the NCC's social and educational committee also met Wednesday under the chairmanship of Dr. Ahmad Abu Qoura, to study a proposal to hold training courses and seminars for Jordanians who intend to go abroad for higher studies. The committee decided to form a subcommittee to draw up recommendations in this connection.

The social and educational committee meeting was attended by Education Minister Sa'id Al Tal, Yarmouk University President Adnan Badran and University of Jordan Vice President Mahmoud Al Samra.

JEC starts soon at Sahab estate

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan Electricity Company (JEC) will in the coming few days begin to install an electric power grid at the Sahab industrial estate project, a spokesman for the Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation (JIEC) said here Wednesday.

In accordance with an agreement between JEC and JIEC the former will provide power to the Sahab project and will est-

ablish two main 10,000 kilovolt ampere (kva) transformers, in addition to 18 1,000-kva ones. It will also install high, medium and low voltage cables.

The whole project, in addition to civil works connected with the main transformer station, is expected to cost JD 150,000. JIEC and JEC will share the cost of the project, which is expected to be completed before the end of 1982.



Jawad Al Anani
grammes and the agenda, time and venue of the 11th Arab labour conference.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

- * Multimedia exhibition of contemporary American art, at the American Centre.
- * Paintings of Mushim Al Sarraf, at the Iraqi Press Section.
- * Islamic literature, films and posters, at the University of Jordan.

Film

- * La Loi du Survivant, colour film sub-titled in Arabic, at the French Cultural Centre Friday at 7:30 p.m.
- * Architecture en Terre Crue (Architecture in unbaked earth), at the French Cultural Centre.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Condolences for Atallah family

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday delegated Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid to convey his condolences to the family of the late Fouad Atallah, who died here Tuesday.

Civil Defence urges design safety

AMMAN (Petra) — The Civil Defence Directorate has requested the Jordanian Engineers Association to instruct engineering offices in Jordan to take into account the requirements of public safety when designing public buildings. It asked that all hotels, factories, high-rise buildings and hospitals be supplied with fire escapes, fire alarms and easy exit and entrance, and other safety facilities.

Cabinet appoints 2 ambassadors

AMMAN (Petra) — The cabinet Wednesday appointed Dr. Sulaiman Al Dajani as Jordan's ambassador to Australia, and Mr. Hassan Abu Nimeh as Jordan's non-resident ambassador to Luxembourg.

Asfour meets Turkish, Swiss envoys

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour conferred separately in his office on Wednesday with the Turkish and Swiss ambassadors to Jordan. They discussed cooperation in trade and economic affairs.

Aqaba shipping traffic swells

AMMAN (Petra) — Ships of various sorts which called at Aqaba last year totalled 1,744, an increase of 278 over those stopping at the port in 1980. A statistical bulletin issued by the Aqaba Port Authority said 1,466 ships visited Aqaba in 1980.

Jordan-Tunisian labour talks held

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and Tunisia held talks here Wednesday on cooperation between the two countries in labour-related affairs. Discussion centred on vocational training, organisation of the labour force and employment of workers in both countries. The talks were conducted by Labour Ministry Under-Secretary Tayseer Abdul Jabbar and Tunisian Employment Director Abdul Aziz Bouzaidi. Labour Ministry sources said the two sides will initial a bilateral agreement Thursday.

FJCC team set for Arab session

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce (FJCC) will participate in the 26th session of Arab chambers of commerce, which will open in Taif, Saudi Arabia, on March 29, the local press reported on Wednesday. The Jordanian delegation will comprise FJCC President Mohammad Ali Bdeir, the federation's Secretary General Yunes Al Huseini, two representatives each from Irbid and Zarqa, four representatives of the Amman Chamber of Commerce and one member each to represent all other Jordanian chambers of commerce.

Abu Alanda gets JD 700,000 budget

ABU ALANDA (J.T.) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani has approved Abu Alanda Municipality's 1982 budget. Al Ra'i newspaper reported on Wednesday. The paper quoted Abu Alanda Mayor Ibrahim Al Huneit as saying that the budget amounted to JD 700,000, of which JD 150,000 has been allocated for opening and asphalted roads, JD 50,000 for building retaining walls and for completing the municipality's new headquarters, and JD 150,000 for a new boys' secondary school.

Turkish minister said due this month

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Turkish minister of trade will visit Jordan in the middle of March, the local press reported on Wednesday. It said the visitor will hold talks with senior Jordanian officials and meet with Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour on promoting commercial and industrial relations.

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Friendship seeds get sown in Jerusalem's healing centre

Comfort, succour to 'Our Lords the Sick'

ON AN imposing hilltop site at the Jerusalem end of the Bethlehem Road, the now-part-ruined buildings of the Order of St. John's original ophthalmic hospital stand sentinel over the valley.

It was in 1882 that the Order of St. John of Jerusalem came to the holy city to further the aims of the order of the Knights Hospitaller of St. John, which was established in Jerusalem in 1113 to give comfort and succour to poor pilgrims and to tend and heal "Our Lords the Sick."

Because the many blinding eye diseases in the Middle East afflict such a vast proportion of the population, the governing Turkish authorities in the early 1880s welcomed the proposal of the British order to build a hospital in Jerusalem to tackle this huge incidence of eye complaints and to specialise in their treatment, cure and prevention. The sultan of Turkey recognised the independent religious status of the order (a prerequisite in those days for all hospitals) and granted it the plot of land on the road to the birthplace of Christ. Here, in keeping with its mottoes 'Pro Fide' (for the faith), and 'Pro Utilitate Humani' (for service to mankind), and inspired by the teachings of Jesus and his many acts of healing, the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital opened its doors to countless thousands of sufferers to lessen their pain and distress, and to bring a measure of comfort and relief to their tragic, poverty-stricken lives.

As soon as this hospital was opened, the need for its service was clear for all to see. Patients flocked to its clinic in their hundreds every day, many travelling hundreds of kilometres on foot for the treatment and relief they so desperately needed and which at last was theirs for the asking - often as a final hope before their sight was lost or with the prayer that perhaps, God willing, it could be restored.

Within months, the first extension to the hospital was essential, and then another became necessary, and another still. And all the while the doctors and nurses laboured day and night treating the multitude of appalling eye conditions and teaching the elementary facts of cleanliness and hygiene as the vital basic steps in the prevention of contagious diseases such as trachoma - the greatest single cause of blindness in the world which affects some 400 million people, a large majority of whom are children under

the age of five.

Not surprisingly the fame of the hospital quickly spread throughout the Middle East, the British Commonwealth and indeed the whole world. So, with the assistance of its many admiring supporters, alternative accommodation was readily provided when, in the fighting which followed the termination of the British Mandate in 1948, the original hospital was severely damaged and, worse still, found itself in territory unreachable by the majority of its Arab patients.

It was at this time that the Order of St. John came closer than ever to the scenes of its earliest origins. For the hospital was now housed within the ancient walls of the Old City of Jerusalem itself, and within a very few yards of the Church and Convent of St. John The Baptist, where the charitable works of the Knights Hospitaller of St. John first began and about which these very words were written by a traveller to the Holy Land in the year A.D. 1160.

"Over against the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on the opposite side of the way towards the South, is a beautiful church built in honour of John the Baptist, and a hospital, wherein in various rooms is collected together an enormous multitude of sick people, both men and women, who are tended and restored to health daily at very great expense."

This is the place now known as the Muristan. Bordered on to the beautiful modern cloisters of the Lutheran Hostel, built in the same style as those of the 11th century, is a tiny memorial garden commemorating the work of the Order of St. John from its inception and marking the very spot on which it was founded so many hundreds of years ago. Filled with the exotic and brightly coloured flowers of the Holy Land, this peaceful garden is lovingly tended by a devoted servant of the order, retired now after thirty years' service.

Despite wars, political strife and many a hardship, the vital work of the Order of St. John in Jerusalem has been maintained. But to cope with the needs and numbers of its patients which increased from day to day, once again a move from the hospital buildings in the Old City was warranted and bigger and better facilities were called for.

Now the meaning of the words "... at very great expense" really came home to those who con-

trolled the pursestrings of the order. But as seldom, if ever, in its chivalrous history has the Order of St. John failed in its hospitaller undertakings, so in the late 1950s the tremendous response to the order's appeal for financial support from its members and friends throughout the world enabled the establishment of the great modern St. John Ophthalmic Hospital of today which was opened in 1960.

One of the most impressive new buildings of Jerusalem and set in magnificent garden surroundings, this new hospital was built to the most up-to-date specifications and standards.

As with all other St. John buildings which are very much in evidence in the Holy City, the doors, windows and walls of the new hospital are decorated with the Order's emblem - the eight-pointed white cross of Amalfi - adopted by the Knights Hospitaller as a tribute to the merchants of that maritime republic who financed the buildings of the St. John Pilgrims' Hospice (the forerunner of the Hospital). This same cross adorns the bedspreads in the wards and the uniforms of the nursing staff. It is the only emblem used as decoration for the hospital's memorial prayer room - a haven used by all for quiet meditation before the simple altar carved from the very beams used by Saladin to build the Dome of the Rock in the 12th century and procured for the Order of St. John when the Dome was renovated in the 1960s. And where patients and visitors rest in the shaded cloister gardens, here too are the eight-pointed crosses interspersed with historical shields and plaques: fitting reminders of the history and tradition which inspires the humanitarian work of the Order of St. John.

Staffed by an international medical team, this eye hospital is one

of the busiest in the world. The hospital itself is living proof that man really does care about his fellow men. Its unkeep and maintenance is the concern of so many different countries, races and beliefs. Its children's ward, for example, is entirely sponsored by the American Society of the Order of St. John, who also provide a surgeon to take charge of the sight-restoring corneal grafting operations made possible by the establishment of an eye bank to which His Majesty King Hussein's eyes are bequeathed. The linen and other necessities come from ladies' guilds in Jerusalem, London, Sydney, Toronto and other major capitals. The X-Ray equipment was a gift from the Canadian Priority of the Order, and for its ambulances and many more vital items the hospital relies heavily, too, on the Alliance of Orders of St. John in France, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden and the Netherlands.

Of the medical staff, the nursing sisters come from Europe, Scandinavia and from England and British Commonwealth countries, many being members of the Order of St. John's other charitable foundation, the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade. Surgeons come from England and America, as well as from the priorities and commanderies of the Order of St. John in such places as Australia, New Zealand, Africa, Canada and Northern Ireland.

The routine of the hospital's daily life begins in the very early hours when dawn is heralded by the strains of the Muslim call to prayer from the tower of the nearby mosque which, fittingly enough, is dedicated to the famous Muslim warrior and surgeon, Sheikh Jarrah, who at Saladin's bidding, tended the wounds of King Richard Coeur de Lion.

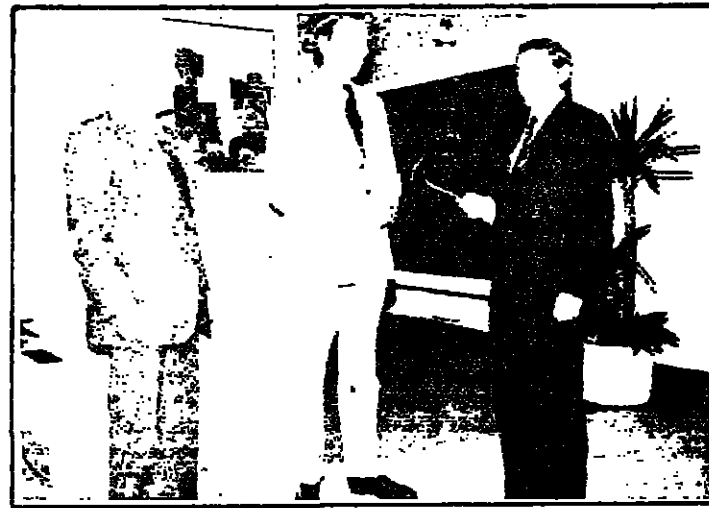
With the first light come the pat-

ients. Mothers bring their babies, sons their grandpatients. Sometimes whole families come, all suffering from some horrifying disease passed from one to the other. Each year 35,000 or so patients are treated and more than 4,000 major and sight-restoring operations are performed.

Now, a century since the first hospital was opened, the need for this work is as great if not greater than ever before. Today, encouraged by the spirit of the original knights, members of the order throughout the world acknowledge their responsibility to the men, women and children who over the years have grown to rely

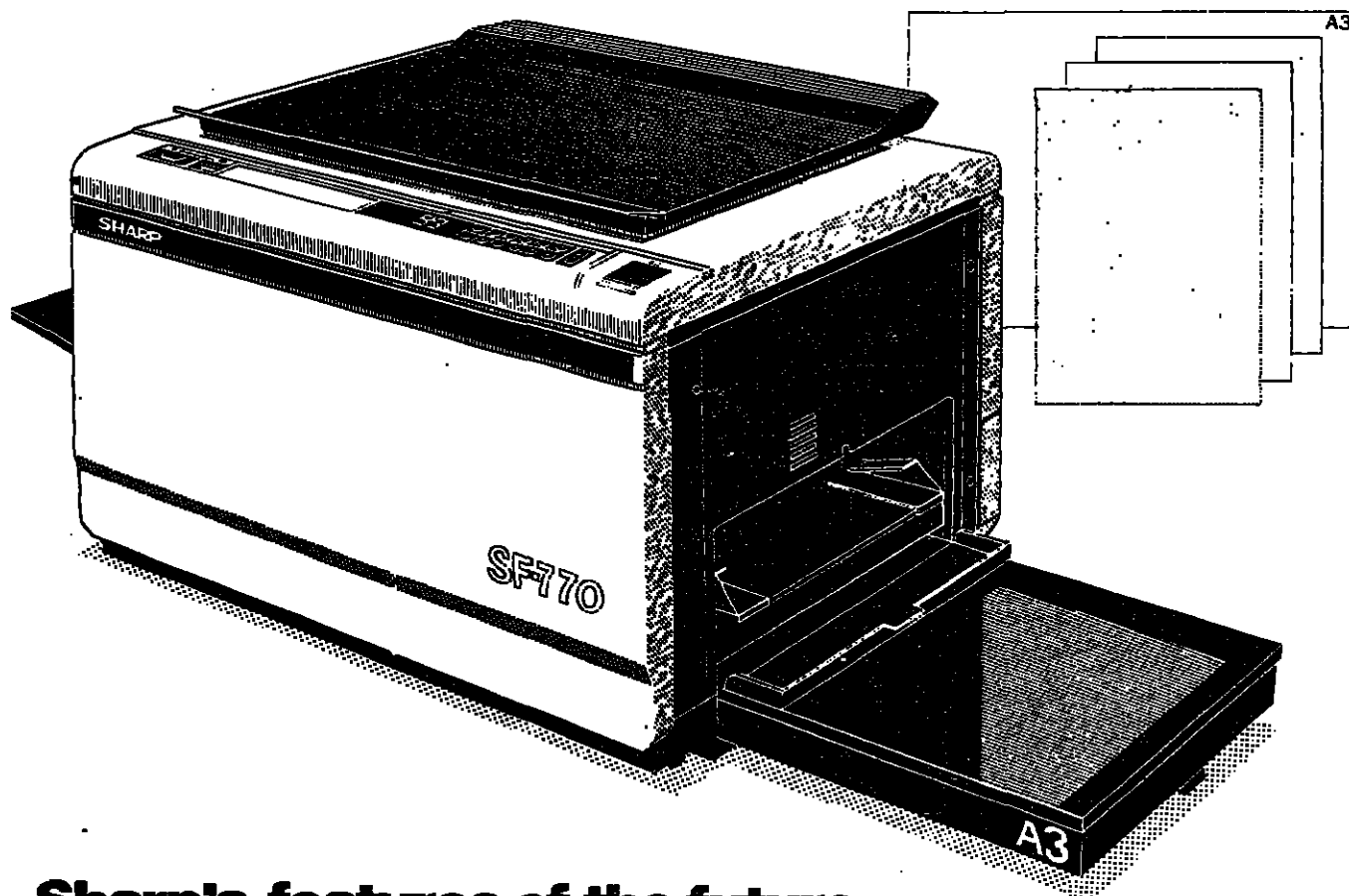
on the hospital for care of their sight and who still overflow its clinic at every session knowing that here they will be given a warm and friendly welcome as well as the best treatment that money can buy.

But the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital is far more than a centre for healing. It is common ground where seeds of friendship are sown and cultivated; where understanding and co-operation are fostered, where not only pain is relieved and sight restored, but almost more important still, where trust and goodwill are developed day by day "in the service of mankind."



The British Bank of the Middle East, on behalf of The Hongkong Bank Group, recently gave a donation of JD 5,000 to the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem in connection with their centenary appeal. Mr. A.D.E. Dawson, the bank's Area Manager in Jordan is seen handing over the cheque to Maj. Gen. F.W.E. Fursdon, executive officer and knight of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. The ceremony was attended by Senator Ahmad Al-Khalil, (left) who is chairman of The Society of the Friends of the Order of the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem. The hospital which serves the Arab community in occupied Jerusalem and the West Bank relies solely on voluntary financial contributions from members of the Order of St. John and from its friends and supporters in the Middle East and elsewhere.

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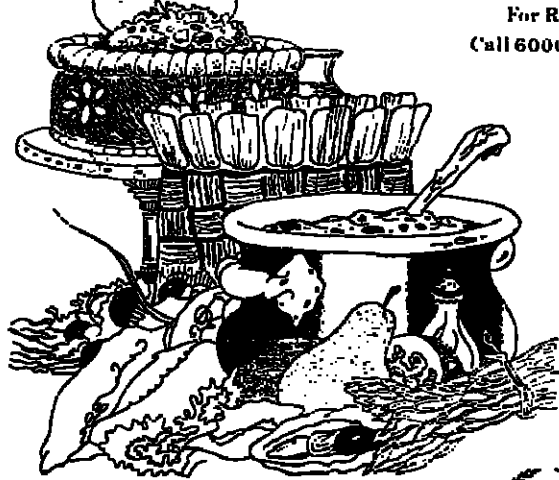
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RED & BLACK

The geo-politics of narrow sea routes

By Jawad Ahmad

The Mediterranean is possibly the greatest sea that ever was. It has always been considered as the most strategic water cavity in the world, and has always been a hot area for superpower rivalry. The USSR has been trying to have access to the sea since the 17th century, but all its attempts have been subverted.

Yet, with oil, it seems that the Red Sea is going to get a better relative position on the scale of importance. It is surrounded by the largest suppliers of oil to the rest of the world. These states are

either very unfriendly to the USSR or they are very friendly to it. On the West Bank of the sea, Sudan and Egypt dominate. If Sudan turns into a large oil producing country, the importance of the Red Sea will escalate even further.

In addition, Saudi Arabia is inventing heavily in the port of Yanbu'. If Iraq extends a pipeline to the same Saudi port, the northern section of the Red Sea will gain an obvious leverage on the south, thus boosting business through the Suez Canal to the Mediterranean

and the Gibraltar straight into the Atlantic Ocean.

To ensure the continuous flow of oil through the Suez Canal and the Gibraltar straight to Europe and America, peace and stability must be guaranteed in the countries surrounding both waterways.

However, the southern route extending from Yanbu' to Bah-Al-Mandib into the Gulf of Aden, the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean is not as safe. To guarantee its safety, S. Yemen may be asked to loosen its

ties with the USSR.

Should this fail, the obvious alternative would be to extend a pipeline from Saudi Arabia to one of Oman's major ports such as Salala Muscat. A depot can also be established there with another pipeline stretching to the Gulf states like the UAE.

The Red Sea has another advantage represented in the port of Aqaba. That port is on the Gulf of Aqaba and presents a shorter route to the Suez Canal than the port of Yanbu' in Saudi Arabia. Commercially speaking,

Aqaba is more feasible than Yanbu'. However, its proximity to Israeli port of Eilat dampens its prospects of becoming an oil depot.

The fact that oil is carried to the rest of the world through very narrow waterways is a disturbing fact. The Red Sea will eventually become the target of disorder and superpower struggle. Such a fact may prove to be a very important factor playing on the future of this area.

If all these efforts are put to guarantee the safety of

ships and tankers carrying goods from and to the north and south of the globe, then it goes without saying that peace must be ensured for the people living in the area.

Fragile or unstable peace cannot last forever.

The Red Sea is a very important factor in the peace process. Should it be a card in the hands of the Arab World? Should it be used as a pressure tool on USA and Europe to work seriously for honourable peace? The obvious answer is yes.

Keep in touch

DESPITE CONTINUED efforts to augment public services in Jordan as part of our development process, communication and postal services continue to lag behind in almost all respects. Few can understand why; and sad to say, we are not among them.

It is no secret that Jordan does not have enough telephone and telex lines, not enough post offices in rural areas, or the big towns for that matter. And to top it all, there seems to be a lack in information and maintenance sub-services, absence of additional ones, and mishandling of whatever is left.

Residents in the country—Jordanians and visitors alike—must not be involved in the argument over whose responsibility it is to make home delivery of letters and postal articles. The Post Office claims that the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment is to blame for not producing, over so many years, a personal address system for the country.

Nor are citizens and visitors are supposed to understand that telephone operators are so underpaid that deficient sub-services in placing international or local calls, or simply in answering the public's inquiry calls, are inevitable. Moreover, our citizens are not to be blamed for resenting, being taken in by public relations announcements about great achievements in the field of telecommunications and visions of even greater projects under study or execution.

One thing we do understand though: Postal services have got to be vastly improved and added to in order to keep up with other efforts, and to consolidate on the hard-won achievements of the other sectors of our development process. For a foreign company to establish its regional headquarters in Amman, open lines of communications with its head office and clientele abroad is of absolute necessity. Businessmen, international visitors, journalists and others cannot be left oblivious of the rest of the world during their stay in or travel through Jordan.

But, it is we, Jordanians, who are suffering most from our communications problems. It is we who need to pay Jordan's huge fuel bill, to make capital investments in transport vehicles and in insuring and maintaining them to waste time in travelling between cities and villages, to suffer from high blood pressure resulting from dealing with our telephones and telephone operators, and to spend whole working days and resources to pay a tax bill or renew one's passport.

It is simply the Post Office which can, and must, shape up to help change things. We have waited long enough,

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

The path of glory

AL RA'I: His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Jordanian Armed Forces, met on Tuesday with vanguard of the Jordanian Arab Yarmouk Force who are conveying the feelings of every Jordanian towards Iraq where they will put into practice their determination to fight alongside their Iraqi brothers to defend the dignity and the rights of the Arab Nation.

The King spoke to these men and greeted the Arab Nation's solidarity manifested by these men who rose against the negative aspects of impotence and despair which plagued the Arabs for so many years. The King expressed the feelings of the Jordanian nation when he blessed those men who are leaving to defend Arab honour and to display their courage in the battlefield to record a new bright page about Arab struggle and the joint Arab march to regain all usurped Arab rights.

The Yarmouk Force vanguards rose to be in the forefront of the march giving an example to all the young men who are looking forward to have a hand in the making of a respectable future for the Arab Nation.

The pan-Arab flame carried by the Yarmouk Force vanguard will soon spread all over the Arab arena to eliminate all negative aspects, turn slogans into action and herald the birth of a new Arab situation which transcends complaining against oppression to extracting Arab rights. King Hussein has fulfilled his promise and interpreted words to action when he bade the Yarmouk Force vanguards farewell before leaving to follow the path of glory.

A landmark in Arab history

AL DUSTOUR: His Majesty King Hussein addressed on Tuesday the first group of the Yarmouk Force that left for Iraq to fight with their Iraqi brothers in their battle against the Iranian enemy. The King stressed that he will join these men in the battle of sacrifice and heroism that is raging in the defence of Arab rights and the one destiny of the Arab Nation.

This group of Jordanian heroes who respond to the King's call to support Iraq represents a conscious and serious step on the correct road. It manifests Jordan's belief in the pan-Arab character of the battle waged by any Arab country against foreign aggression.

Jordan supports Iraq because it is under attack and because it believes that our destiny is the same and that the same danger threatens all the Arab Nation. This step taken by the men of the Yarmouk Force stresses our triumph over despair and weakness as well as the Arab Nation's ability to rise and confront the enemies who encroach on its rights and territories.

We in Jordan are engaged in a battle against the Zionist enemy while participating in the other battle raging at the Eastern gate of the Arab Homeland against the Iranian enemy. Other parts of our homeland are threatened and this necessitates the collective efforts of all Arab states.

The King called for supporting Iraq because not one Arab country can confront aggression on its own. Thus the Arab Nation is urged to respond to this call for supporting Iraq to achieve our victory there in order to collectively confront the Zionist onslaught of expansion.

Israel's human rights record incompatible with democracy

Today the Jordan Times publishes the third and final part of the report on the Israeli human rights practices in the occupied territories during 1981, prepared by Dr. James Zogbi and Rev. Donald Wagner of the Palestine Human Rights Campaign, 202 South State Street, 618 Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Founded in 1977, the Palestine Human Rights Campaign is a human rights movement of concerned individuals from a number of peace, church, civil rights and Middle-East organisations.

Sponsors of the PHRC include former Sen. James Abourezk, Prof. Noam Chomsky, Rev. Joseph Lowrey, Congressman John Conyers, Congressman Walter Fauntroy, and Pete Seeger.

3. Respect for Civil and Political Liberties, Including:

a. Freedom of Speech, Press, Religion, and Assembly

Freedom of religious expression is abridged in several ways in the occupied territories. In June, there were at least three separate incidents in which military authorities refused to allow religious services according to religious rites on grounds that the families did not have proper permits for "demonstrations" (Al-Fajr, June 14-20 and June 21-27, 1981).

There were at least two incidents involving the military's refusal to hand over bodies to families so that they could be ritually cleansed and buried according to Muslim law. There were several incidents of soldiers harassing worshippers en route to and/or leaving churches and mosques. A severe example occurred in April when Israeli soldiers assaulted a number of people in El Bireh as they were proceeding to Easter Sunday Services in the town's Greek Orthodox church (Al-Fajr, Apr. 26-May 2, 1981).

The military government has not been careful about the protection of Muslim and Christian holy places, nor has it exerted efforts to assure access in full freedom to communicants. The most serious incidents have taken place at the Ibrahim Mosque in Hebron, which Muslims revere as standing upon the burial site of some of their prophets. On several occasions, beginning in March, Israeli settlers have forced their way into the mosque during the time set aside for Muslim prayers on the Muslim sabbath of Friday; only on the first occasion were the intruders removed, and then after only an hour had passed. On June 15, settlers broke into the mosque, locked the gates to soldiers and Muslims, and spent the night inside. Subsequent invasions of the mosque have resulted in damage to a number of historic tiles (Al-Fajr, Mar. 16-22; Mar. 22-28; June 14-20; and Nov. 6-12, 1981).

The Al-Aqsa Mosque in East Jerusalem, which Muslims revere as one of their holiest sites and a place of pilgrimage, also has been invaded on several occasions by Jewish religious extremists. There is no evidence that the Israeli authorities have taken any action against them beyond requesting their removal. In the summer and fall of 1981, mosque officials discovered Israeli digging tunnels under, and thereby weakening, the foundations of Al-Aqsa. Efforts to put a halt to what pious Muslims believed to be a desecration of their shrine resulted in violence; eventually the tunnel was sealed. Muslim and Christian institutions both have been vandalised by unknown persons on several occasions in 1981.

The most serious example of official interference with religion was an incident in February 1981, involving the Greek Orthodox Church. According to the Jerusalem Post (Feb. 17, 1981):

"The 14-member Holy Synod of GOC in Israel Feb. 16 elected Greek-born Archbishop Theodoros from Amman as Patriarch of the church in Jerusalem... Before the elections, GO sources accused Israeli officials and Jerusalem Mayor... of meddling in internal church affairs, and attempting to persuade archbishops to vote for the favoured candidate of the Israeli authorities—Yannos. These church sources said Israeli officials had gone so far as to threaten archbishops with expulsion."

Freedom of expression is severely restricted in the occupied territories. Arabs are forbidden to express any

support for the Palestine Liberation Organisation or to criticise the Israeli occupation. Some examples from the Israeli and East Jerusalem press illustrate the consequences for expressing one's self too freely:

"The Mayor of Ramallah was charged with making statements supportive of the PLO during a newspaper interview. He was released on IS 10,000 bail."

—Al-Fajr, Aug. 9-15, 1981

"A West Bank worker was sentenced to 3 months in prison and fined IS 1500 for writing the letters 'P.L.O.' on a factory wall."

—Ma'Ariv, Dec. 4, 1981

"In El-Bireh last week the Society for the Preservation of the Family held a party to celebrate the construction of a new floor. The military governor suddenly arrived at the building and ordered everybody to disperse. Those present were shocked, as this was not a political meeting and therefore not banned by the military government... He also ordered the removal of the cake which had been baked for the celebration. Its 'crime' was that it was decorated with green, red, white and black icing, the colours of the Palestinian flag."

—Al-Hamshahar, June 16, 1981

"Two Palestinians were charged with publishing 'inciting material' on account of an article they wrote which dealt with social and economic conditions in the Gaza Strip under military occupation."

—Al-Fajr, July 26-Aug. 1, 1981

In addition to restriction on expression which the military government interprets as political statements, there is interference with artistic freedom in the form of books and film bans. Sellers of books which have been banned there is no list of such books made available to bookellers — are subject to arrest and imprisonment, even though the books may have been obtained from Israeli distributors who are not subject to such bans. Possession of a banned book is considered cause for arrest. Even paintings are restricted, as in the example below:

"The military government in Ramallah closed 'Gallery 79' indefinitely and placed three West Bank painters under military order not to display their work in public."

—Ha'Arezt, Jan. 14, 1981

Freedom of assembly is virtually non-existent. Permits from the military authorities are required for all public meetings; no permits were granted in 1981. Nevertheless, demonstrations protesting actions and policies of the military government or illegal political rallies and gatherings were almost daily occurrences in 1981. In all instances they were forcibly suppressed by Israeli soldiers.

Commercial, school and work strikes are forbidden in the occupied territories. However, in 1981 three major strikes took place. The strike of government school teachers in the West Bank began in December 1980 and lasted until early March 1981. The physicians of the Gaza Strip were on strike for three weeks in September 1981. And there was a general strike among the Arab workers of Israeli annexation of the area in December. Despite numerous arrests of strike leaders and the use of force to try to

break the strikes, all three strikes were partially successful and represented the first instances of organised mass opposition to the occupation. Following the negotiated settlement of the strikes, several suspected organisers have been harassed. This is especially true of teachers more than 20 of whom were fired during summer without explanation. Local strikes, especially of shopkeepers, occurred throughout the year. These have been broken either by forcibly reopening shops or by sealing premises permanently shut.

The Arab press of East Jerusalem is subject to censorship, and editorials judged to be anti-Israeli are frequently excised. The editors of the three Arabic language newspapers were restricted to their towns of residence for the entire year of 1981 which meant they were forbidden to go to their offices in East Jerusalem. The military authorities closed the newspaper, Al-Fajr, for ten days in November, then again for one month within two days after the initial ban had expired. Throughout the year there were reports of official harassment efforts aimed at distributors of the newspapers, and on several occasions journalists were detained and interrogated. In August,

Annual Report prepared for stockholders."

—Al-Fajr, May 10-16, 1981

Individuals frequently have been arrested on suspicion of holding private views which the military government deems inappropriate. For example:

"A 15-year-old girl from Tulokem has been detained by security officials and accused, later, of possessing a book of 'illegal' poetry — her own collection of poems."

—Jan. 4, 1981

"Military forces broke into a Palestinian poet's home in Ramallah, confiscated several 'illegal' books, and arrested two men for reading them."

—Al-Fajr, Aug. 9-15, 1981

Membership in the PLO is automatic grounds for arrest in the occupied territories, as is expressing support for it.

B. Freedom of Movement Within the Country, Foreign Travel, Emigration, and Repatriation

Freedom of movement for the

documents. Several thousands of Arabs who have been arrested since 1967 are routinely denied travel documents, and young men of high school and college age are usually refused as well. There were several instances in 1981 of entire towns being put under travel bans for varying periods. Upon returning from Jordan, residents of the occupied territories, as well as other Arabs or persons of Arab descent, are subject to searches for weapons and explosives. Arabs have complained that these searches are more rigorous than necessary on purely security grounds, and constitute harassment.

Travel to foreign countries (other than Jordan) is regulated similar to trips across the Jordan River. Several prominent Palestinians, notably members of the National Guidance Council in the West Bank, have been refused permission to travel to the United States and other countries during 1981. Also, many West Bankers who have been working in various foreign countries and had returned to visit their families for the summer were prevented from leaving the West Bank when they sought to cross the Jordan River bridges to return to their jobs.

A special restriction on movement used by the military government are

C. Freedom to Participate in the Political Process

Political freedom, as it is commonly understood in the United States, is non-existent in the occupied territories. The government of the occupied territories is a military one and all of the executive, administrative, and law-making positions are filled by Israelis. In 1968, Israel did permit a restricted electorate to vote for mayors and council members for the largest towns of the West Bank. These officials have no substantive powers. Their main responsibility is to implement orders of the military government. Nevertheless, these mayors have emerged as the principal opponents of the occupation as they have sought to mitigate some of the harsh effects of punitive policies. The mayors of Nablus and Ramallah have become especially important as symbolic political leaders since being named in assassination attempts in 1980. Both men returned to the West Bank early in 1981 after undergoing months of rehabilitation treatment abroad. Two-ban restrictions: them to their own town. The treatment accorded the Nablus mayor, Bassam Shaga, has been especially severe during the whole year, as is illustrated in the account below:

"The military government of Nablus is harassing, interrogating and threatening anyone who gives a lift to Bassam Shaga. It also exerts a variety of pressures on anyone meeting with the mayor... The people who drive him anywhere are invariably questioned with the aim to pressure and frighten them... Council member Al-Hajj described how the Shaga family had heard someone digging up the ground outside the mayor's burned-out car yesterday at 5 a.m. Council members dug up the soil outside the house again and found bundles of wiring. These were probably bugging devices. The day before, a military vehicle had been parked outside the Shaga family's home all night. The soldiers had asked to see the identity papers of all those visiting and had written them all down." —Ha'Arezt, Mar. 25, 1981

During 1981, the military government sought to terminate the role of the mayors as possible political intermediaries between the occupation authorities and the Arab population of the territories. For example, in May the acting mayor of Hebron stated that he had received an implicit threat of deportation:

"(He) said that he had complained to the military governor of Hebron after three Arab families had been expelled from their homes in the town center and replaced by Jewish settlers... A few days later, he and the other council members were called to the military governor, who told them that if the business strike and protest conferences they had called to protest against the expulsion of the Arab families went ahead, they would find themselves 'outside the town, and perhaps very far from it.'" —Ha'Arezt

In June, the military authorities went beyond the issuance of threats and promulgated a military order making it illegal for any mayor on the West Bank to send cables of protest to the military government — or to foreign consuls.

Government Attitude and Record Regarding International and Non-Governmental Investigation of Alleged Violations of Human Rights

Since 1976, Amnesty International and other groups have repeatedly requested an outside investigation of allegations of mistreatment of prisoners and security detainees. In September 1980, AI released a report which outlines a 1979 memorandum calling on Israel to permit an independent investigation of allegations of ill-treatment, and Israel's reply. The report concluded that there exists sufficient prima facie evidence of ill-treatment of security suspects by interrogators to warrant establishing a public inquiry. AI says that Israel's own pre-trial administrative and legal procedures, which tend to isolate suspects, prevent Israel from conclusively refuting such allegations. Specifically AI expresses concern that too many cases are decided upon the basis of confessions given prior to the detainee's contact with counsel and family.



Al-Fajr carried a front-page article alleging that security officials were confiscating all incoming and outgoing mail of the newspaper (Aug. 16-22, 1981).

Book censorship is routine. According to a report in Davar on Mar. 29, 1981:

"A panel of Hebrew university professors investigating the status of academic freedom in the West Bank has issued a list of over 3,000 books banned from distribution in the West Bank by the Israeli military censor. The list included works by American, Arab, Israeli, and even classical writers such as Christopher Marlowe, Shakespeare, and Sophocles; biographies of Abraham Lincoln and Alexander the Great... All books entering the West Bank for sale or distribution, are automatically considered 'illegal,' and banned, unless formally approved by the censor."

Educational materials originating in Arab countries are screened and censored of anything deemed to be anti-Israeli or anti-Jewish in content. Every publication within the occupied territories must be approved in advance by the military censor. For example: "The Chairman of the Bank of Palestine in Gaza was detained and interrogated for publishing and distributing without permission a pamphlet. The booklet was the bank's

Arabs, 16-years and over, are required to carry special identity cards which are issued by the military government and which must be shown upon demand of Israeli officials. Checkpoints are set up at various locations throughout the occupied territories, primarily at entrances to towns and villages; all Arabs stopped at checkpoints are subject to personal body searches and interrogations. Typically an Arab can expect to be stopped several times each year; for students and workers and others who are outside their homes regularly, being stopped at checkpoints is very frequent.

About 80,000 Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza work in Israel. Such workers are required to have special registration cards from the Israeli Labour Office, and they must produce these cards on demand when stopped at the numerous checkpoints between Israel and the occupied territories. Workers are not allowed to stay overnight in Israel. All private and commercial vehicles owned by Arabs of the occupied territories have special license plates so that they may be readily identified at checkpoints and the daily stream of workers can be controlled.

Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza may apply for special travel documents to go to Jordan on visits. The military government offers no explanation when it refuses to issue travel

the travel bans imposed on individuals. These might restrict a person to his/her own town of residence, or they might specify certain areas to which a person is forbidden to travel. Virtually all members of the National Guidance Council in the West Bank have been under travel bans for part of all of 1981; this includes the mayors of all the major towns, as well as other prominent persons. Travel bans are also imposed on students and workers with the effect of preventing them from attending classes or going to jobs. Collective travel bans have also been applied to entire villages and towns for temporary periods during 1981.

Repatriation of Arabs who fled from the occupied territories during the 1967 war has still not taken place. About 250,000 are estimated to be refugees from the West Bank and Gaza not repatriated when Israel allowed a limited return in 1968. In recent years, Israel has allowed an average of 1,500 of these to come back under family reunion considerations. Palestinians who left the West Bank and Gaza since 1967 in order to study or work abroad have alleged that Israel prevents their returning to live permanently. Israel does not discourage emigration from the occupied territories. Palestinians have charged that Israeli authorities are overly zealous in their cooperation to arrange for emigration.

OPEC member states okay urgent meeting

ABU DHABI (R) — OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) oil ministers will hold emergency talks on the world oil glut before the end of this month, OPEC President Mansur bin Othman said Wednesday.

Dr. Othman, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) oil minister, said most of the 13 OPEC members had agreed to hold a consultative meeting.

He told reporters when he arrived back here after sounding out Saudi Arabian and other Gulf leaders that a date and venue for the meeting would be decided very soon.

Dr. Othman urged oil exporters not to cut prices to compete for sales in the over-supplied market ahead of the OPEC talks. "I hope that countries which are thinking about reducing their prices will wait because we are determined to find the solutions which will help these countries and other countries," he said.

Gulf oil analysts said OPEC faced increased pressure to slash its already-depressed output, or else left world oil prices fall further, following Tuesday's surprisingly big cut by Britain, which took four dollars a barrel of North Sea oil.

Dr. Othman was in Riyadh Tuesday seeing Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani of Saudi Arabia, the key to any concerted OPEC move to defend itself against the prevailing glut. Wednesday he saw oil minister Ali Khalifa Al Sabah of Kuwait.

Of the 13 OPEC countries, Iran has unilaterally trimmed prices by four dollars this year and some others, are secretly discounting, analysts said.

Dr. Othman said: "We believe that the cut in prices which went below the floor of OPEC is illegal and we don't accept it because it will not solve the problem of these countries."

Reporters asked the OPEC president about the British price cut. "We believe that any sharp reduction in oil prices will have neg-

ative effects on everybody. We do not support the reduction in prices," he said.

London oil industry executives say that to defend its prices, now aligned on \$34 for a barrel of the benchmark Saudi Arabian light crude, OPEC will have to slash output.

They said only Saudi Arabia, the biggest exporter, is wealthy enough to take an appreciable volume off the market but it has so far resisted OPEC pressure for a formal reduction in its official ceiling of 8.5 million barrels daily.

With world oil demand down by some 10 per cent on peak 1979 levels, there is an over-supply of crude which enables the companies to shop around.

Iran, Kuwait, Libya, Algeria and Nigeria have been hit hardest by buyer defections.

OPEC sources said Vienna or Geneva were likely venues for the OPEC talks while Gulf analysts noted that Dr. Othman was proposing a consultative meeting, rather than an extraordinary ministerial conference.

Gold price falls sharply as Soviets sell in Zurich

LONDON (R) — Gold was fixed at a two-and-a-half-year low in London Wednesday and a West German metals trader said there was no sign that the price of the metal would recover in the near future.

Gold was fixed at \$357.1 an ounce in London Wednesday morning. This was sharply down on last night's close of \$359.75 but only fractionally less than the New York close of \$357.5. The metal has fallen by almost \$40 since the start of the year.

The West German metals trader Degussa said in its latest precious metals report that no revival in investor interest in gold could be expected while U.S. interest rates looked set to stay at their present high levels.

Mr. Degussa said further Soviet gold sales could not be ruled out and as a result, more price falls were possible at any time.

The Soviet Union has been selling gold in Zurich in what some analysts see as a move to provide hard currency to help ease Poland's economic problems.

Degussa said that although the price of gold might recover for

periods because of industrial demand or bargain buying by central banks, experience showed that in a weak market the pace of price recovery was slower than that of the fall.

Dealers on the New York gold market attributed part of Tuesday's four-dollar fall there to

concern at the possibility of higher interest rates following a rise in the federal funds rate, the overnight lending rate.

The dollar and sterling opened weaker in London Wednesday but moved up slightly in later trading.

Gulf military chiefs to discuss arms plant

BAHRAIN (R) — The chiefs of staff of six Gulf oil-producing states will have talks later this month on setting up an armaments factory, a Saudi Arabian newspaper reported.

The newspaper, Al-Jazira, received here Wednesday, quoted Kuwait's chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Faraj Ghanim, as saying the subject would be fully discussed by the military leaders of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia.

Gen. Ghanim was in Saudi Arabia earlier this week on a tour of council member states prior to the meeting of the chiefs of staff in Riyadh on March 15.

The six countries are grouped in the Gulf Cooperation Council, based in the Saudi capital of Riyadh. Its main concern is defence and internal security, but it is also planning the region's economic integration.

The setting up of an armaments plant was among subjects discussed by the council's defence ministers in Riyadh in January.

Japanese businessmen leave for Cairo

TOKYO (A.P.) — A Japanese delegation led by Tetsutaro Mizuno, chairman of Penta-Ocean Construction Co., left for Cairo via Paris Wednesday to attend a Japan-Egyptian economic committee meeting.

The delegation includes Shigeo Nagano, chairman of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Officials said Japanese and Egyptian businessmen will discuss ways of strengthening economic relations between the two countries during the two-day meeting beginning Saturday.

Meanwhile, the foreign ministry announced Japan has agreed to provide Egypt with grant aid totalling up to about 614 million yen (\$2.7 million) to be used for medicine and equipment against rift valley fever, a viral disease carried mainly by mosquitoes, local electrification projects and economic and national welfare programmes.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equities closed mixed but government bonds tended firmer in quiet trading, dealers said. The F.T. index at 1500 was down 1.4 at 556.4.

Oils featured and with the BNO oil price cut already discounted, prices were boosted by better than expected 1981 results from Ultramar which ended 11p higher at 391 after 408. Others similarly ended below best levels but shell, B.P. and Burmah were up 2p to 4p.

Among the leaders, Blue Circle, GEC, Hawker Siddeley and ICI fell 4p to 6p. North American shares were also easier.

Government bonds ended ¼ to ½ up on Wednesday supported by the resilience of sterling, dealers said.

They added, with the gold price falling to 2½ year low, the decline in gold shares accelerated. Falls among the producers stretched to three dollars as in Herties. Interim results from cons gold failed to enliven the sector, cons gold itself ending 8p lower and RTZ falling 7p. Poseidon shed 10p to 4p on sharply lower half-year profits.

Insurances turned mixed after figures from general accidents which gave up 2p to 324.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.8205/15	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2237/40	Canadian dollars
	2.3672/82	West German marks
	2.5970/6000	Dutch guilders
	1.8747/57	Swiss francs
	43.65/67	Belgian francs
	6.0480/0510	French francs
	1273.25/75	Italian lire
	235.93/236.03	Japanese yen
	5.7770/90	Swedish crowns
	5.9850/70	Norwegian crowns
	7.9545/70	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	356.00/356.50	U.S. dollars

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4:30	Korano
4:45	Cartoons
5:10	Children's Programme
6:55	Programme Preview
7:00	Local Competition Programme
8:00	News in Arabic
8:30	Arabic Series
9:30	Documentary
10:10	Arabic Play
11:00	News Summary

CHANNEL 6

6:00	French Programme
7:00	News in French
7:30	News in Hebrew
8:30	Feet First
9:10	Quincy
10:00	News in English
10:15	Movie of the Week: "The Henderson Monster"

FOR FRIDAY

CHANNEL 3

10:00	Korano
10:20	Children's programme
11:00	Religious programme
12:50	Forest Ranger
13:45	Barriers
14:15	Soccer
15:05	Play
16:35	CHIPS
17:30	Science and Life
18:00	Western Theatre
18:30	Feature Film
19:30	Religious Programme
20:00	News in Arabic
20:30	Arabic Series
21:30	Local Variety Programme
22:00	Arabic series
23:00	News in Arabic

CHANNEL 6

6:00	French Programme
7:00	News in French
7:30	News in Hebrew
8:30	Mary Tyler Moore Show
9:10	I remember Nelson
10:00	News in English
10:15	Flamingo Road

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FOR THURSDAY

7:00	Sign on
7:01	Morning Show
7:30	News Bulletin
7:40	Morning Show
10:00	News Summary
10:30	Pop Session
11:00	Signing off
12:00	World News: News about Britain
12:30	Pop Session
13:00	News Summary
13:30	Pop Session

FOR FRIDAY

14:00	News
14:10	Instrumentals
14:30	Now Music
15:00	Concert Hour
16:00	News Summary
16:03	Instrumentals
16:30	Old Favourites
17:00	Special Feature
17:30	Pop Session
18:00	News Summary
18:03	French way of Life
18:30	World of Arabian Music
19:00	News Desk
19:30	Music
20:30	Evening Show
21:00	News Summary
21:03	Evening Show
22:00	Close down

FOR FRIDAY

7:00	Sign on
7:01	Morning Show
7:30	News Bulletin
7:40	Morning Show
10:00	News Summary
10:30	Pop Session
11:00	Listeners' Choice
12:00	News Headlines
12:03	Friday Special
13:00	News Summary
13:03	Pop Session
14:00	News
14:10	Instrumentals
14:30	In Concert
15:00	Concert Hour
16:00	News Summary
16:03	Instrumentals
16:30	Old Favourites
17:00	Pop Session
18:00	News Summary
18:30	Top Twenty
19:00	News Desk
19:30	Country Music
20:30	Over a Cup of Tea
21:00	Jazz Hour
22:00	Close down

BBC WORLD SERVICE

FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

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GMT

04:00	Newsdesk 04:30 International Soccer Special 04:45 Financial News 04:55 Reflections 05:00 World News; 24 Hours News Summary 05:30 Twentieth Century Folk 05:45 The World Today 06:00 Newsdesk 06:30 Nature Notebook 06:40 The Farming World 07:00 World News; 24 Hours: News Summary 07:30 Marching and Waltzing 07:45 Network U.K. 08:00 World News; Reflections 08:15 International Soccer Special 08:30 John Peel 09:00 World News; British Press Review 09:15 The World Today 09:30 Financial News 09:45 Look Ahead 09:45 Rock Salad 10:15 Ploegman of the Moon 10:30 My World 11:00 World News; News about Britain 11:15 A Pattern of Faith 11:30 Assignment 12:00 Radio Newsreel 12:15 Top Twenty 12:45 Sports
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FOR THURSDAY

ARRIVALS:

8:00	Cairo (EA)
8:45	Cairo
8:55	Aqaba
9:00	Damascus
9:30	Jeddah
9:40	Dhahran
9:45	Kuwait
9:45	Cairo
9:50	Ras Al Khaimah, Dubai
10:00	Doha, Bahrain
10:00	Beirut
10:25	Kuwait (AF)
11:05	Riyadh (SV)
11:30	Kuwait (KAC)
11:30	Cairo
11:55	Aqaba
12:00	Athens
12:25	London (BA)
12:30	London
12:45	New York, Vienna
13:00	Cairo
13:15	Amsterdam, Beirut (KLM)
13:30	Rome
13:30	Frankfurt (LH)
13:30	Beirut (MEA)
21:55	Beirut
01:00	Baghdad
02:45	Baghdad

SELECTED CHANGES FOR FRIDAY

05:30 The King of Instruments
07:30 Backtracking 8:30 Smash of the Day: The Navy Lark 11:15 In the Meantime 12:15 Jazz for the Asking 13:30 The Ages of Man 18:30 Musical Memories 20:30 The Reith Lectures 23:30 O. Henry

VOICE OF AMERICA

FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

GMT

03:00	Daybreak 04:00 The Breakfast Show 15:00 News Roundup: Reports, opinions, analyses 15:30 VOA Magazine Show: Americana, science, culture, letters 16:00 Special English News 16:10 Special English Science & Technology Report 16:15 Feature: The Making of a Nation (Friday: The Living Earth) 16:30 Now Music USA (Friday: Country Music USA) 17:00 News Roundup 17:30 Dateline 18:00 Special English News 18:10 Science and Technology Report 18:15 Feature 18:30 Music USA 19:00 News Roundup 19:30 VOA Magazine Show 20:00 Special English News 20:10 Science and Technology Report 20:15 Music USA: Jazz 21:00 VOA World Report
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AMMAN AIRPORT

NOTE: The following airport arrivals and departures are provided to the Jordan Times by the Air Information department at Amman Airport, Tel. 92205-6. They should always be verified by phone before the arrival or departure of the flight.

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ARRIVALS:

8:00	Cairo (EA)
8:45	Cairo
8:55	Aqaba
9:00	Damascus
9:30	Jeddah
9:40	Dhahran
9:45	Kuwait
9:45	Cairo
9:50	Ras Al Khaimah, Dubai
10:00	Doha, Bahrain
10:00	Beirut
10:25	Kuwait (AF)
11:05	Riyadh (SV)
11:30	Kuwait (KAC)
11:30	Cairo
11:55	Aqaba
12:00	Athens
12:25	London (BA)
12:30	London
12:45	New York, Vienna
13:00	Cairo
13:15	Amsterdam, Beirut (KLM)
13:30	Rome
13:30	Frankfurt (LH)
13:30	Beirut (MEA)
21:55	Beirut
01:00	Baghdad
02:45	Baghdad

DEPARTURES

3:15	Budapest
3:30	Cairo
6:15	Frankfurt (LH)
6:30	Damascus
6:45	Beirut
6:55	Aqaba
9:00	Cairo (EA)
9:25	Beirut (MEA)
10:30	Rome
11:00	Amsterdam, New York
11:15	Athens
11:25	Madrid, Casablanca
11:30	Cairo
11:45	Geneva, Brussels
11:45	Geneva, Zurich (SR)
12:00	Paris, London
12:15	Riyadh (SV)
13:00	Cairo
15:00	Aqaba
16:30	Kuwait (KAC)
18:30	Beirut
19:00	Kuwait
20:15	Baghdad
20:30	Abu Dhabi, Dubai
22:45	Baghdad

FOR FRIDAY

ARRIVALS:

8:00	Cairo (EA)
8:55	Aqaba
9:00	Kuwait
9:45	Dubai, Abu Dhabi
9:45	Cairo
10:00	Dhahran
10:10	Beirut
15:35	Jeddah, Medina (SV)
15:45	Tripoli
16:45	Tripoli, Tunis
17:15	Houston, N. York, Vienna
17:20	Kuwait (KAC)
17:30	Paris
17:35	Brussels, Geneva
17:40	Madrid, Athens

DEPARTURES

3:30	Cairo
6:00	Beirut, Amsterdam (KLM)
6:30	Beirut
7:00	Aqaba
9:00	Cairo (EA)
9:25	Beirut (MEA)
9:30	Beirut
11:00	Vienna, N. York, Houston
11:10	Athens, Copenhagen
12:00	London
16:35	Medina, Jeddah (SV)
16:45	Tripoli
18:25	Kuwait (KAC)
18:50	Abu Dhabi
19:00	Kuwait
19:15	Riyadh, Doha
19:20	Bahrain, Doha
19:30	Dhahran
19:30	Jeddah
19:45	Baghdad
19:55	Abu Dhabi
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20:30	Baghdad

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SPORTS

Rebel cricketers reject appeal by authorities

LONDON (R) — England's cricket authorities said Wednesday they made a last-minute appeal to 12 rebel players to call off a private tour of white-ruled South Africa and cut short an international row.

The Test and County Cricket Board, governing body of the sport in England, said it sent a telegram Tuesday night to the 12, who began their first match in Pretoria Wednesday.

"We must make you aware of the very strong reaction in England and other countries to the proposed participation by you and other English cricketers in international-calibre matches in South Africa," wrote board chairman George Mann and secretary Donald Carr.

"If it is thought practicable for you to do so, we urge you to reconsider your position and refrain from playing in any such matches."

The cricketers, labelled the "dirty dozen" by some critical British politicians, arrived in Johannesburg over the past few days to play a series for sums reported to be up to £40,000 (\$70,000) each.

The tour has angered countries opposed to the apartheid policies that have isolated South Africa

from international cricket for 12 years.

The board pointed out to the rebels they could be endangering tours by India and Pakistan to England later this year. Such a move would "seriously affect county finances and the possible future livelihood of fellow cricketers," the officials wrote.

Sports officials also fear a boycott by black nations of the Com-

monwealth Games in Australia this year. A call for a boycott was made in the pro-government Herald Newspaper in Zimbabwe Wednesday.

The English cricket authorities have already warned players of the harm they could do by re-establishing contact with South Africa, telling them in August and again last weekend their test careers could be jeopardised.

Soviet Union assured of place in handball final

BONN (R) — The Soviet Union made sure of a place in next Saturday's World Handball Championship final by beating Poland 27-21 in Dortmund Tuesday night.

The Soviet team, for whom Vladimir Belov was again top scorer with 10 goals, remained the only unbeaten side in the tournament. Romania, leading the other round-robin group by a wide goal difference, beat Hungary 24-19 in Boeblingen while second placed Denmark kept their hopes alive with a last minute 21-20 win over Sweden.

Romania play Spain and Denmark meet Hungary on Thursday in the last second round ties.

In the most tense match of the night, a capacity 12,700 Dortmund crowd watched Olympic champions East Germany beat holders and hosts West Germany 19-16.

But the West Germans still have a chance of reaching the third-place playoff if the mighty Russians crush East Germany on Thursday night.

Referee runs for his life

VALDEOBISPO, Spain (R) — A referee fled two kilometres to a civil guards barracks to seek protection from angry football fans after ordering the local goalkeeper off the field in this southern Spanish town, police said Wednesday.

When the game resumed later, he gave a penalty against the visiting team, Cabezuela, and again had to run off the field as their fans turned on him. The regional division match, last weekend, was suspended.

West Ham dents Ipswich's League title hopes

LONDON (R) — Alan Devonshire marked his return to West Ham Tuesday night with a goal which dented Ipswich's English League soccer championship hopes.

The England midfielder player, out for eight games because of ankle trouble, set up West Ham's 2-0 home win with his first goal of the season.

Devonshire's 40th minute effort was followed by a 64th minute goal from Belgian Francois Van der Elst.

China, Thailand meet in Thomas Cup Asian zone final

BANGKOK (R) — China are heavily favoured to beat Thailand in the two-day Asian zone final of the Thomas Cup men's team championships starting here Thursday.

Local bookmakers are offering odds of 10 to 1 against Thailand, but nobody's betting.

The Chinese, playing in the Thomas Cup for the first time since their admission to the International Badminton Federation (IBF) last year, have brought their strongest lineup here.

Local experts firmly believe they will have clinched the nine-match tie after the first five matches, ensuring themselves a berth in the cup finals in England in May.

Thailand cannot hope to match the Chinese in singles. Han Jian, who beat Indonesian number one Liem Swie King in 1980, Chen Changjie, winner of the first world games title last year in California, and reigning national champion Luan Jin, the Masters champion, give the Chinese a formidable singles lineup.

They are all among the top six seeds for the all-England championships in London later this month.

The Chinese doubles pairs are almost as strong and the team appear capable of finishing off the Thais 9-0, just as they crushed India and Pakistan in their earlier ties.

"Not so," say the Thailand Badminton Federation (TBF) defiantly.

"We have prepared ourselves for the Chinese, the giants of the game, for quite a long time," secretary-general Charoen Wattanasin, himself a former Thomas Cup player and all-England men's singles runner-up, told Reuters.

"We have studied each and every Chinese player. We have worked on our combinations and we hope the Bangkok heat in a capacity-full gymnasium will wear out the Chinese."

If the TBF are banking on the heat to beat China, they may be disappointed.

For, though the Chinese left Peking last Friday in zero (centigrade) temperature and landed in Bangkok's 30 (centigrade) reading, coach Wang Wen Jiao said Wednesday: "We do not go out of China often, but when we do, we know how to prepare ourselves."

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

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Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠K6 ♥AQ983 ♦AQ82 ♣54

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♥ Pass 1 ♦ Pass

2 ♦ Pass 2 ♣ Pass

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What action do you take?

A.—You have not yet bid the full value of your hand. Since partner has persisted with spades despite the fact that your bidding has warned him that you might be short in that suit, he should have at least a six-card suit and, possibly, quite a useful hand. Your doubleton king in his suit is adequate support, and we suggest that you make an effort to get to game by raising to three spades.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠Q854 ♥962 ♦74 ♣AQ106

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♣ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

2 NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have not yet bid 10 points at a spade contract (you must revalue your trump queen) and partner has made a move toward game. Since you have an absolute maximum for your raise, you should accept. Bid four spades — the 4-4 major fit should be the better contract, especially since you have a ruffing value in diamonds.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠665 ♥8 ♦AJ9 ♣AK8763

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♣ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

2 ♥ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have a difficult bid to make. Neither three clubs nor two spades expresses the value of your hand. A jump to four clubs bypasses three no trump, which could be your side's only playable spot, and you should have better trumps for a jump to three spades. A temporizing bid of three diamonds, giving partner another chance to describe this hand, is the solution.

Q.4—As dealer, vulnerable, you hold:

♠AK6 ♥AQ98 ♦AJ1052 ♣7

What is your opening bid?

A.—Tactically, it might be better to open one heart rather than one diamond. The problem with a one diamond opening bid is that you will have a difficult rebid to make should partner respond either one spade or two clubs. Your hand is not quite strong enough for a reverse into hearts, but too good for a simple two diamond rebid. By opening one heart, you leave yourself with a convenient rebid and can bid strongly later if the auction warrants such action.

Q.5—East-West, vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AK6 ♥K10984 ♦K ♣AQ97

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♥ Pass

3 ♣ Pass 3 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—We won't fault you for bidding four hearts, but our inclination is to pass three no trump. North surely has only three hearts, and, in view of your strength in the black suits, it is a moral certainty that he has high-card values in diamonds. Since those high cards may not be pulling their full weight at a suit contract, a nine-trick no trump contract might be easier to make than ten tricks at hearts.

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠863 ♥AQ952 ♣AK843

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♣ Pass

2 ♣ Pass 2 NT Pass ?

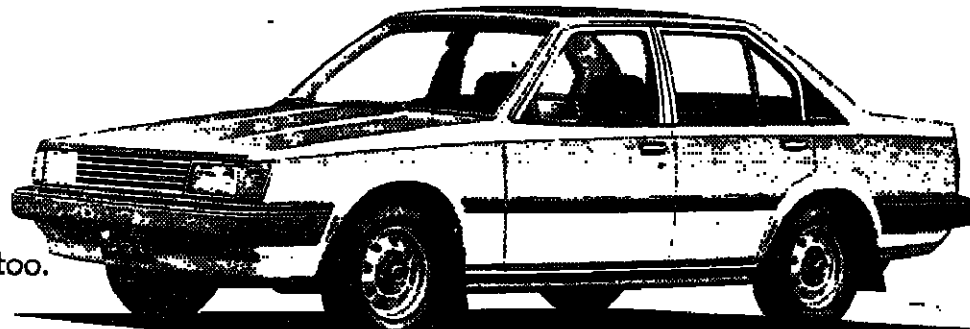
What action to you take?

A.—Obviously, we don't like no trump, and we want to paint as accurate a picture of our hand as possible. Three spades is a possibility, but we would like better trumps to raise a suit that partner hasn't rebid—on this auction he would be entitled to expect three trumps headed by an honor. Therefore, we opt for three clubs, to show at least ten cards in the minor suits.



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Learning to get along with robots

By Walter Bagley
Reuters

NEW YORK—They work in heat and cold, round the clock, seven days a week. They don't get tired, call in sick, form unions or complain to the boss.

These ideal workers are, of course, robots.

The Soviet Union is planning to double the number used in its factories in the next few years. Japan expects its robot population will multiply 20-fold by 1990 and they may well revolutionise factory life in the United States.

Industrial robots, which in reality resemble mechanical arms more than the human-like devices of science fiction, will bring profound changes to industrial countries over the next 10 years, according to experts in the growing field.

"We are at the beginning of a second industrial revolution, one that will have a far bigger impact on society than the first," Martin Wedepohl, dean of applied science at the University of British Columbia, told a meeting of engineers.

By the end of the decade, the United States and Japan each expect to be selling two billion dollars worth of robots every year, according to government and private forecasts.

Jeffrey Gage, an official from Sweden's ASEA Corporation, a robot producer, told stock market analysts here that "There is no ceiling on our growth. Everyone is getting into this." ASEA alone receives 800 to 1,000 inquiries a month.

U.S. Labour Secretary Raymond Donovan told President Reagan's productivity advisory council in January that because of robotics, "by 1990, half the workers in any factory may well be engineers and technicians — white collar workers."

"The future is very bright," said a spokeswoman for Unimation of Danbury, Connecticut, whose president, Joseph Engelberger, pioneered the industry in the 1950s.

Unimation, which produced the first operational robot in 1961, is the oldest and largest U.S. robot manufacturer and provided licences to help start robot production in Japan and Western Europe.

At prices ranging from \$27,500 to 78,000 each, it sells between 80 and 100 robots a month here and abroad.

Manufacturing companies, especially automobile makers, have made the greatest use of robotics so far. But other industries are embracing the new technology as fast as they can.

Industrial robots are actually computer-controlled machines capable of carrying out various complex operations repeatedly with exact precision. Such a machine must be able to be re-programmed to do different functions to be considered a true

robot, according to U.S. and most West European authorities. They say, in Japan less sophisticated mechanical devices are counted, making comparisons difficult.

"We can take a spot welding robot on a factory floor and in a matter of minutes programme it to pour a cup of coffee," according to Ellen Mohr of Unimation.

Robots, which are ideal for performing a wide variety of welding operations, are also used extensively for machining, molding, grinding, boring, painting and assembling numerous types of metal and plastic objects, both large and small.

Standing on the floor, attached to a wall or hanging overhead, robots have begun doing more and more factory jobs, especially in assembly-line industries.

Robots are especially suited for such work because they keep operating with the same precision, and at the same pace assuring increased quality control as well as optimum productivity.

Some robots are so sophisticated that an operator is able to use a simple keyboard to type out instructions, which can then be recorded on the tape cassettes and stored for future use. This allows virtually instantaneous changes in a robot's operation.

"My grandmother could programme a robot," Mr. Gage told the wall street analysts when he showed a film in which the largest and smallest of his company's robots, operating in tandem, made graceful bows, turns and sweeps in unison with music.

Their ability to withstand hostile environments such as extreme heat, noxious gases, loud noises or flying metal chips have made them extremely attractive in heavy industry. They also require none of the safety equipment that humans do.

Proponents say robots can do almost anything humans can do — and better. They can work faster, lift heavier objects, work with more delicate precision and learn new tasks more quickly.

The reason more robots are not being used already, they say, is that many executives have been slow to grasp the uses they can make of robots in their businesses.

They compared the situation to the dawn of the computer age, when the now ubiquitous data processor was slow to win acceptance from businessmen.

Salesmen must educate potential customers on ways to employ robots and train people who work with the robots, either as what they refer to as "co-workers" or "supervisors."

Most users of robots reports that their human employees generally accept the mechanical workmates, especially those which take on unpleasant or hazardous tasks, such as repetitive welding jobs or spray painting.

The car industry around the world is the main robot user and plans to remain so. Its well-established assembly-line techniques and repetitive operations make it ideally suited.

Experts have predicted that in future there will be virtually no humans assembling automobiles, just lines of computer-operated robots.

While there are an estimated 5,000 industrial robots now operating in the United States, General Motors alone plans to have

about 15,000 in place by 1990, against 300 at present. This is an ambition followed by car companies around the world.

Japan, by far the biggest user of industrial robots with its prospering car industry accounting for the lion's share, now has about 14,000 robots in use. The Japan Industrial Robot Association predicts that number could increase 20-fold by 1990.

West Germany, with 1,300 in operation, was the leading robot user in Western Europe, followed by France, Britain and Italy. West Germany expects to have 10,000 in place by 1990.

Both Japan and West Germany already have factories where robots are manufacturing robots.

Generally, the introduction of labour-saving robots has not had a significant adverse impact on workers, primarily because robots

have taken on the dirty, demanding and dangerous jobs which humans are usually happy to avoid.

"People don't need to do these things," Prof. Wedepohl said, adding that "any manual task that man has ever performed can be done economically with robotics."

Trade unions representing auto workers in the U.S. and in Japan have begun expressing concern about the futures of their members as the use of robots becomes more widespread.

But backers of a robot revolution say that not only do robots take on many tasks which humans would prefer not to do, they will also create new, more attractive jobs for many people.

"Computers are going to displace people and we have no choice in this," summed up Prof. Wedepohl.

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YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, MAR. 4, 1982

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You have a tendency now to argue and dispute about conditions that are unimportant. Offset this by maintaining your calm. Show affection where it is needed.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Don't become involved in any arguments with others over money matters or you could regret it later. Be sensible.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Take your rightful place in business activities and get the backing of higher-ups. Use good sense in spending your money.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Use tact and diplomacy with those who live with you and avoid conflict. You can advance in career matters now.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Do something constructive and sensible about an annoyance of long standing and get excellent results.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Spending time with good friends is fine provided you don't neglect business matters. Strive to gain a long-time goal.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Taking risks of any kind could bring trouble at this time, so be extra careful. Show others you are a good citizen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A good day to deepen new friendships that could lead to mutual benefits in the days ahead. Express true happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Follow your hunches and handle your regular duties to perfection. Steer clear of outsiders who are interested only in your money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Find out what your true position is with associates and make an effort to have more harmony. Learn to compromise more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Delve into important work ahead of you without further procrastination. Obtain data you need from the right source.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be sure you don't spend too much money in your desire to have a good time. Follow suggestions of a trusted friend.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Be sure not to break any promises you have made, otherwise you could lose out where it counts the most. Be poised.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will need the right kind of training and education so that this good mind will not turn in the wrong direction because of a lack of understanding. There is fine coordination of mind and physical dexterity in this chart.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, MAR. 5, 1982

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You are now able to understand a comprehensive course of action awaiting your attention. You can make progress by using today's beneficial aspects to your advantage.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A good day to engage in recreational activities that will bring you in touch with congenials. Show that you have wisdom.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A new project proposed could bring you added income in the future. Try to please loved one. Stop procrastinating.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Contact allies and see how you can gain their full cooperation where mutual goals are concerned. Keep all appointments.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) A good time to study new ways that could add to your present income. A monetary expert can give the advice you need.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Know what it is you truly want and direct your efforts toward attaining it. Sidestep one who has an eye on your assets.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Use your intellect in the handling of private matters. Not a good time to confide in others. Use common sense.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Meet with good friends today and exchange new ideas. A desire you've had can now be attained. Relax at home tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Know the best way to express your talents. Discuss your aims with a prominent person. Be more confident.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study new outlets that could add to your income in the days ahead. A new contact can be most helpful to you now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) A good conversation with the one you love can pave the way to a better understanding. Be sure to keep your promises.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Paying attention to what associates have to say can improve your relationships with them. Express happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A new plan needs to be discussed with co-workers if it is to be successful. You can make much progress in career matters now.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be full of good ideas that will bring many honors, so be sure to encourage your progeny early in life for best results. Direct the education along governmental lines. A good person in this chart.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

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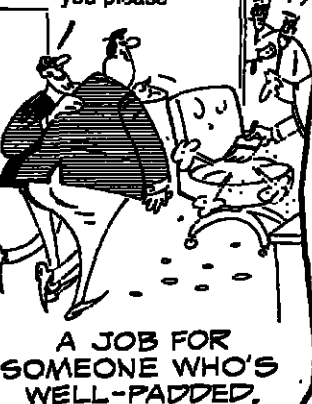
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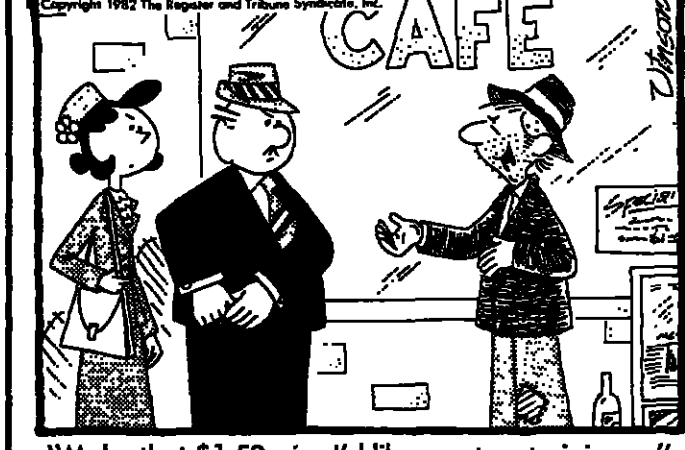
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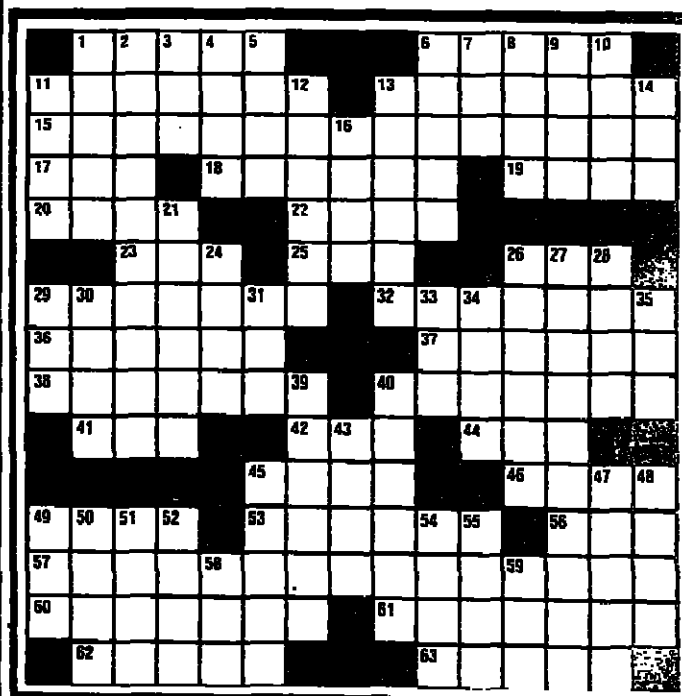
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THE Daily Crossword

By Nancy S. Ross

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